

## ***FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** October 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** Smith River State Park & River Corridor Biennial Rule

**Division:** Parks

**Action Needed:** Approval of Tentative Rule

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 20 minutes

**Background:** The Smith River State Park and River Corridor Biennial Rule establishes fees, permit requirements and associated rules for private, commercial and landowner float trips on the Smith River from Camp Baker to Eden Bridge. The Smith River Rule also enables the department to implement the management direction provided in the Smith River State Park and River Corridor Recreation Management Plan (updated in 2009).

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** The Parks Division will conduct a 30-day comment period and invite the public to provide input on the proposed biennial rule, which would be in effect for two calendar years following adoption.

**Alternatives and Analysis:** The Parks Division has prepared a draft biennial rule for consideration by the commission. The majority of edits/changes to the rule are grammatical to improve consistency and understanding of terminology. Highlights include:

- Addition of a new section that specifies the rules for the Super Permit Lottery.
- A variety of grammatical edits to improve consistency and understanding.
- Reference to new authorized outfitter Erik Hess, Missoula Fishing Company who bought out High Plains Drifter in 2012.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:** The department recommends that the Commission approve the tentative rule as proposed and seek public comment.

**Proposed Motion:** “I move that the Commission approve the tentative Smith River State Park & River Corridor Biennial Rule pending public comment.”